Claim 12 line 1 delete "or 11".

Claim 13 line 1 delete "one of claims 1 though 12", substitute with "claim 1".

Claim 15 line 1 delete "one of claims 1 though 14", substitute with "claim 1".

Claim 16 line 1 and 2 delete "or one of the following claims".

Claim 17 line 1 and 2 delete "or one of the following claims".

Claim 18 line 1 and 2 delete "one of claims 1 though 17", substitute with "claim 1".

REMARKS:

This Amendment is submitted simultaneously with filing of the above identified application.

With the present Amendment applicant has amended the claims so as to eliminate their multiple dependency.

Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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